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ORS Solicits Public Comment on DER Cost Shifting Report

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The South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS) is requesting public comment on the draft cost-shifting report as required by the Distributed Energy Resources (DER) Program Act (Act 236). The Act requires the ORS to prepare this report and submit it to the Public Service Commission of SC by December 31, 2015.

In preparing the draft report, the ORS posted a request for public input on the ORS web site in August 2015 and also sent the request for input to all intervenors in the Act 236 dockets. Comments from a variety of stakeholders – including electric investor-owned utilities, conservationists, large industrials, solar advocates, and electric cooperatives – as well as data obtained from the utilities were reviewed and taken into consideration in drafting the report.

The draft report is posted on the ORS web site at <http://www.regulatorystaff.sc.gov>. Comments must be received by close of business on **December 3, 2015**, in order to be considered.

Please send all comments or inquiries to:

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